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**THE YEAR
IN REVIEW
2005**

October 1, 2004
to
September 30, 2005





Forest Supervisor's Letter



Kathleen Morse
Forest Supervisor

In 2005, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service commemorated its centennial. Over the past century, more than half a million Forest Service employees have cared for the land and served people, creating and demonstrating a spirit of excellence in public service.

The next century, the Forest Service faces many new challenges. Rapid natural and social changes, evolving public desires, and new technologies test the agency's capacity to meet the country's expectations for ecologically healthy forests and the benefits they provide. The words of Gifford Pinchot—the first Chief of the Forest Service—ring as true today as they did 100 years ago: “We have an obligation to the American people to look to the future and promote positive change in protecting, sustaining, and benefiting from our great natural resources.”

This past year we devoted a tremendous amount of time and resources to revising our Forest Plan. Using a collaborative learning approach we have attempted to involve more people in the development of the next Forest Plan that will guide our direction for the next 10-15 years. I am encouraged by the public participation so far, and look forward to completing the revision process this year.

As in the past, the future success of the ANF will depend upon the cooperation among our fine employees, our partners and volunteers and the public, who all care passionately about this working forest.

In addition to the Forest Plan, the Eastern Region, comprised of 20 forests in the northeast, developed a new vision called “Courageous Conservation.” The goals and values stated in this vision will also guide our actions to sustain a healthy, diverse and productive forest to meet the needs of present and future generations.

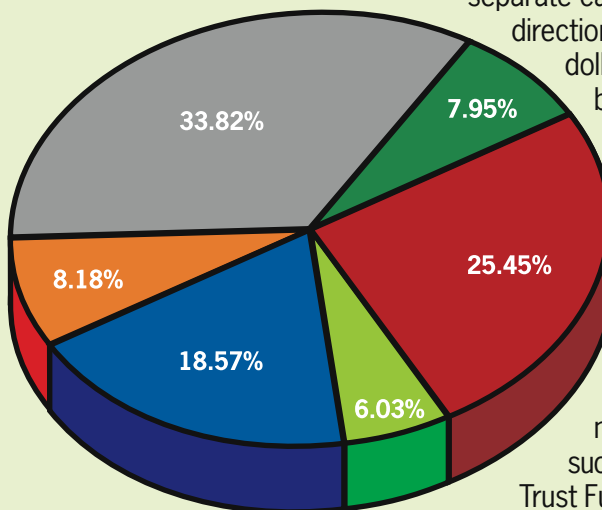
As you review the accomplishments on the following pages you will see the results of a lot of hard work by a committed and dedicated staff of employees, volunteers, and partners.

KATHLEEN MORSE

Forest Supervisor

2005 Budget Allocation

Vegetative Management (reforestation).....	\$1,258,519
Timber Program.....	\$ 4,025,711
Recreation.....	\$ 953,813
Recreation Facility Construction & Maintenance.....	\$2,937,510
Maintaining Roads & Trails.....	\$1,294,230
Other	\$5,350,949
Total	\$15,820,732



For fiscal year 2005 (October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005) the Allegheny NF was allocated money in over 20 separate categories, with specific direction from Congress on how the dollars in each category are to be spent. Funds generally cannot be switched between the categories (i.e. recreation maintenance, wildlife, timber management, and forest planning).

The Allegheny also received authority to spend \$4.4 million in various permanent and trust fund accounts, such as Knutsen-Vandenberg Trust Fund, Reforestation and Timber Stand Improvement Fund and Salvage Sale Fund.

RESTORE



The Land To Conserve Our Natural Heritage:

Courageous Conservation

A sustainable future, a legacy of restoration.

Goals:

- Protect Ecosystems across boundaries,
- Connect citizens to the land.
- Practice sustainability in all we do,
- Revolutionize effectiveness and efficiency,
- Be an employer of choice.

Core Values:

- Safety
- Integrity
- Quality Work
- Relationships
- Accountability
- Adaptability

SOIL AND WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT: National Forest Vegetation and Watershed Funds (\$61,204)

Are used for projects designed to improve watershed health and restore soil quality. The soil and water program accomplished 54 acres of watershed improvements in fiscal year 2005. Most of the accomplishments came from blocking illegal vehicular access to sensitive sites that were "being loved to death." We rehabilitated a small stone pit, removed old culverts and restored the stream channel and stabilized the newly formed stream banks at two sites. One of these sites was the location for the 2005 Public Lands Day activity in the headwaters of Morrison Run.

When it was first designated, the nick names of the Allegheny National Forest were the "Allegheny Brush Pile," and the "Land that Nobody Wanted." Through scientific research, planning and project implementation, the ANF has become the vibrant, lush forest that we know today.

The symptoms of a forest health crisis are in the news in many parts of the United States: forests full of stunted trees; acres of beetle-killed trees; woods choked by undergrowth, extensive blow-down from recent storms. It is estimated that about 73 million acres of national forest land are a high priority for treatment. That's almost four acres in ten. The Healthy Forests Initiative, followed by the bipartisan Healthy Forests Restoration Act, is based on working with local communities to reduce hazardous fuels (removing excess vegetation) and to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

The benefits we get from good conservation practices on farms, forests, and ranches, include clean air and water, healthy soil, fish and wildlife habitat, and more. We rely on farmers, ranchers, and timber producers to provide these vital benefits at no cost to us. We should not take these benefits for granted. This is an opportunity to collaborate with partners to establish a role for agriculture and forestry. This collaboration with partners allows protection of ecosystems across boundaries. We have a duty to be good stewards. As the President has said, we didn't create

the earth, but we have an obligation to take care of it. We must sit down together in a spirit of mutual respect to find common ground and then work together to formulate and achieve common goals.

That is the essence of cooperative conservation. It's not a new idea. But after a generation of conflict in the name of conservation, it represents an innovation in land and resource stewardship. It's a journey well worth making. Join us in strengthening and invigorating the spirit of cooperative conservation.

Our partnerships with the Northeastern Research Station and local universities have enabled us to participate in important research, monitoring and data collection. These partnerships benefit forest health and forest users by gathering data to make sound decisions, providing ownership to the surrounding communities, and providing valuable hands-on training to students.

In 2005, we continued administrative studies related to herbicide effects and oak regeneration. We also worked with a variety of partners and volunteers to: monitor, inventory and restore stream quality; improve fish and wildlife habitat through planting of seedlings and shrubs and constructing structures; and improve trail conditions through maintenance and grooming.



Restoration of the stream channel of Morrison Run on Public Lands Day.

Knutson-Vandenberg Trust Fund: (\$654,935)

The Knutson-Vandenberg Act of 1930 (16 U.S.C. 576b), as amended, authorizes the use of timber sales receipts to reforest harvested areas and to improve and protect the land's future productivity. The Forest Service maintains the Knutson-Vandenberg Trust Fund for this purpose. For each timber sale, the Forest Service prepares a sale area improvement plan that determines how much money should be spent. The percentage of the timber sales receipts to be set aside varies with each sale according to the kinds of activities that must be performed. In 2005, ANF personnel used KV money to complete both reforestation and wildlife habitat improvement work. Reforestation work included 1,761 acres of herbicide, site preparation, and fertilization treatment to help establish tree seedlings and promote their growth in areas where timber harvest is planned or has already occurred. Area fences were constructed on 168 acres, 2,454 acres of fences were maintained, 333 acres of fences no longer needed were removed, and 187 acres of individual tree fences were maintained. Tree seedling stocking surveys were completed on 2,407 acres, and 14 acres of tree seedlings or saplings were released from competing vegetation.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

Silvicultural treatments occur across the landscape with primary objectives of establishing diverse seedling regeneration and improving forest structure. An emphasis was also made to increase awareness of the threats of noxious weeds. Three kinds of funds are used for this work; Knutson-Vandenberg Trust Fund, National Forest Vegetation and Watershed Funds, and Reforestation and Timber Stand Improvement Trust Fund:

National Forest Vegetation and Watershed Funds: (\$354,251)



Scenic view from Rimrock Overlook.

This fund covers work projects related to reforestation, tree release, soil, water, air, and noxious weeds.

- **Reforestation:** In 2005, ANF personnel completed 418 acres of site preparation treatment to help establish tree seedlings and promote their growth in areas where future timber harvests are planned. In order to limit deer browsing on desired tree seedlings, area fences were constructed on 25 acres in planned or completed timber sale areas. Fences were maintained on 468 acres so they would continue to protect tree seedlings from deer browsing, and 46 acres of fences no longer needed were removed. Surveys were completed on 2,131 acres to assess tree seedling establishment, growth, and survival. Desired seedlings or saplings sometimes grow more slowly than other competing vegetation in young, developing forest stands. In order to assure the desired tree seedlings survive, we release them by cutting down the taller, competing vegetation. This type of release treatment was completed on 581 acres in 2005.

- The ANF had a very active noxious weed awareness program throughout 2005. Table top displays were developed, invasive plant floral arrangements were on display, brochures specific to the ANF were created and the introduction of Zippy the Zebra Mussel and Eurasia the Weed Witch premiered at local parades throughout the ANF region. ANF staff attended many community events to heighten the awareness of local noxious weeds and invasive plants, and what can be done to eradicate these species.



Waterfall near Kinzua Dam.

Reforestation and Timber Stand Improvement Trust Fund: (\$249,333)

The Permanent Appropriations Act of 1934 (31 U.S.C. 1321) authorized trust funds, one of which, called the Reforestation Trust Fund, receives its funds from tariffs imposed on imported timber and wood products. In 2005, ANF personnel completed 457 acres of site preparation treatment to help establish tree seedlings and promote their growth in areas where future timber harvests are planned. In order to limit deer browsing on desired tree seedlings, area fences were constructed on 73 acres in planned or completed timber sale areas. Fences were maintained on 3,007 acres so they would continue to protect tree seedlings from deer browsing, individual tree fences were maintained on 342 acres, and 199 acres of fences no longer needed were removed. Surveys were completed on 2,950 acres to assess tree seedling establishment, growth, and survival. Release treatment was completed on 117 acres in 2005.

Surveying for fish in Tionesta Creek.



WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES:

Landscapes are evaluated to determine what kinds of activities are needed to improve habitats for a wide array of wildlife and fish species. Much of this work is accomplished through partnerships with groups and individuals who are dedicated to improving habitats.

National Forest Wildlife and Fish Funds (\$246,642) and the Knutson-Vandenberg Trust Fund (\$218,312) are used for this work.

Wildlife:

ANF biologists completed 919 acres of habitat enhancement in 2005. These enhancements included such activities as apple tree prune and release, opening release, shrub planting and fencing, seeding and fertilizing of openings, prescribed burning, and mowing. Two bat houses, 10 blue bird houses, and one osprey platform were constructed. Both the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the National Wild Turkey Federation were substantial partners. This marked the fifth year of participation in the Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative project, the second year of the

Central Appalachian Goshawk Project, the fifteenth year of the River Otter Monitoring project, and the seventh year of the Forest Bat Monitoring project.



Night monitoring of fisher population—reintroduced in 1996.

Fisheries:

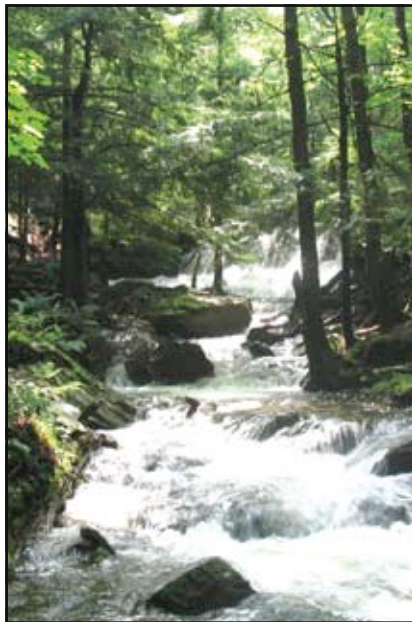
The Allegheny completed 35 acres of shallow and deep-water fish habitat improvement in the Allegheny Reservoir with the Kinzua Fish & Wildlife Association

and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We were assisted by volunteers in a shoreline clean-up day along the Allegheny Reservoir. ANF personnel monitored fish usage of fish habitat structures, conducted annual monitoring of management indicator species (brook trout, walleye, smallmouth bass), began a forest-wide assessment of stream crossings to evaluate fish passage, assisted the PA Fish & Boat Commission with fish surveys, and continued with implementation of the Biological Opinion from the US Fish & Wildlife Service by collecting water quality samples in two tributaries to the Allegheny River. We continued our partnership with Clarion University to conduct surveys for several threatened and endangered fish species.

PROTECT



The Natural Resources Entrusted To Us



Logan Falls

The Allegheny National Forest, is comprised of 513,325 acres in northwestern Pennsylvania, and is the only National Forest in Pennsylvania.

As stewards of the land, we practice conservation in all that we do. Since the creation of the ANF in 1923, protecting the Forest's natural resources while balancing multiple uses has been a consistent priority. We strive to meet the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations.

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns stated at a Cooperative Conservation Conference, "Conservation today is no longer about conflict. Instead, it's about cooperation, about partnerships, about collaborative solutions from the bottom up." Since our departure from the agricultural era, some people think food and lumber originate in the cargo areas of supermarkets and home improvement stores. As an agency we need to emphasize the connection between people and the land. Forest management is about sustainability, about long-term health and productivity. Conservation is about cooperation with neighbors and town folk,

with anyone who shares the landscape upon which we depend to make a living. It's about respect for each other and finding common goals.

As President Bush has said, "Stewardship is the daily work of farmers and ranchers and our timber producers and forest landowners. It is this vision of cooperative conservation of working with our farmers and ranchers and our timber producers and forest landowners instead of against them."

In our vision of cooperative conservation, government has a strong role to play, but not as a top-down regulator. Government has a responsibility to be a facilitator of community-based collaborative approaches from the bottom up. This approach both improves the environment and strengthens the economy by helping people help the land.

Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the Forest Service, summed it up when he said national forest lands should be managed "for the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run." Please join us in conserving our natural resources – Reduce, Recycle, Reuse.

Forest Planning:

(\$537,228)



Public workshops were held in 2005 to continue the collaborative effort on Forest Plan Revision.

Forest Plan Revision on the Allegheny National Forest continues to move forward. The Interdisciplinary Team, with the help of public input, developed draft alternatives for the revised Plan. Public workshops were held in Warren and Brookville in June 2005. The workshop objectives included: to demonstrate to the

public how comments received to date had been used; introduce new concepts to the public and gauge their understanding and reaction; enhance the public's understanding of the interrelationships of habitat diversity, vegetative management, recreation and special areas in the Draft Alternatives; and get a sense if the range of the Draft Alternatives was adequate from the public's perspective. A Spectrum model has been developed to analyze vegetation projections. A Draft Revised Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published in May 2006.

Lands: (\$235,689)

Resurveyed 3.8 miles and maintained 11.3 miles of boundary to Forest Service standards. Resolved one land title claim. Processed 36 special use permits and administered 100 special use permits to standard.

Fire Preparedness:

The Allegheny responded to and suppressed 14 wildland fires on National Forest lands totaling 55 acres in fiscal year 2005. Twelve of these fires were human caused while two were lightning caused. Thirty-one resource orders were processed so that qualified personnel could respond to and support western wildland fire suppression (Montana, Oregon, Idaho) and hurricane response (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina) efforts during the year.

(\$271,706)

The forest continued to strengthen its cooperative wildland fire protection agreement with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry in support of suppression activities within the proclamation boundary, aerial detection overflights, and collaboration with local volunteer fire departments. The forest also continues to strengthen its participation within the Mid-Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact, comprised of state firefighting agencies from Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Virginia, as well as fire specialists from the Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry office in Newtown Square, PA.

The forest hosted and conducted an annual firefighter safety refresher that was attended by approximately 40 forest employees and firefighters from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, PA Bureau of Forestry, and local volunteer fire departments. Individual firefighter training needs were assessed and the annual Work Capacity Firefighter Physical Fitness Test was given. Through specialized training and competency exercises, three forest employees earned Class C faller certification, the highest level of sawyer certification.



Forest and Forestry Research Lab Resources monitoring the oak burn.

Hazardous Fuels:

(\$45,561)

The Allegheny completed a prescribed burn in cooperation with the Forestry Sciences Lab that totaled 78 acres. The burn was conducted to study the effects of fire on oak regeneration in northwest Pennsylvania, as well as reduce hazardous fuel loadings in wildland intermix areas. Fire effects on the response of oak to prescribed fire will be studied for five years before academic results are published. However, preliminary results indicate that prescribed fire does benefit oak regenera-

tion on certain sites. A second planned prescribed burn (106 acres) was not accomplished due to unfavorable weather conditions. This burn has been rescheduled for the spring of 2006. Planning for future hazardous fuels treatment was initiated in several areas of the forest.

Several qualified forest personnel assisted with prescribed burns conducted on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in Illinois.

This excerpt is from **"A Primer of Forestry,"** written by Gifford Pinchot in 1905. This publication was provided to new employees of the then USDA Bureau of Forestry as a practical guide to management.

"Next to the earth itself, the forest is the most useful servant of man. Not only does it sustain and regulate our streams, moderate the winds, and beautify the land, but it also supplies wood, the most widely used of all materials... forest, large or small, may render its service in many ways. It may reach its highest usefulness by standing as a safeguard against floods, winds, snow slides, or especially against the need of water in the streams."

Inventory and Monitoring:

(\$817,233)

The Allegheny National Forest relies on its Geographical Information System (GIS) and other related databases for the management, analysis, and display of geographic information. These systems provide agency-wide information management standards for basic resource data collected with consistent inventory protocols to produce the core data needed to care for the land and serve people. Decisions can be made more quickly and more efficiently using these systems, preparing the Forest to respond to rapidly changing resource management issues and improving our accountability and credibility. Requests for information by the public and sharing information across boundaries are everyday tasks often easily accomplished via our web site.

The Allegheny maintains a Challenge Cost-Share Agreement with the Pennsyl-

vania State University. New data products and models for data analysis are developed as needed. We collect field data in partnership with the Forest Health and Protection Unit and the Forest Inventory and Analysis Unit to monitor forest health conditions on the Allegheny. Data about trees, fuels, down woody material, surface cover, and understory vegetation is collected and maintained in a database. Field data to monitor the occurrence of non-native invasive species is also collected. Core terrestrial ecology data on soils, geology, geomorphology, ecological classification, and potential natural vegetation is supported in a database. Monitoring population and habitat

conditions for threatened and endangered species continues. Management indicator species are monitored on a forest-wide scale for species such as brook trout, songbirds, rattlesnakes, raptors, grouse, and woodcock. A database to document the occurrence of terrestrial wildlife is maintained. Wildlife biologists and other resource specialists enter, edit and attribute terrestrial wildlife points, observations, surveys, wildlife features and wildlife visits. The water temperature of several streams is monitored to assess their ability to support cold-water aquatic species. Among the datasets updated this year were USA minerals, wildlife, bat surveys, fire history, timber stands, warrants and waterbodies.



The bald eagle, a federally threatened species, is making a comeback on the Allegheny.



Rattlesnakes, one of the management indicator species, are impacted by human activities.

PROVIDE



For People, Now And Into The Future.

TIMBER PROGRAM

The ANF timber program continues to provide high quality hardwood sawtimber and other forest products to timber purchasers. In 2005, 20 timber sales with a total volume of 16.4 million board feet (MMBF) of green timber and 7.8 MMBF of salvage timber were offered. Total value of timber sold was \$24,644,086. In 2005, 27.3 MMBF was harvested with a value of \$25,651,655.

‘Green timber’ refers to timber that is made available for harvest as a result of planned timber sales designed to implement Forest Plan objectives. ‘Salvage timber’ refers to timber that is being made available for harvest because it is diseased or insect-infested, dead, damaged or downed by wind, or affected by fire or imminently susceptible to fire or insect attack.

Tasks that are completed include stand inventories, silvicultural prescription development, environmental analysis and documentation, timber sale preparation, road design, and timber sale administration. Three different kinds of funds are used in this program area (National Forest Timber Management Funds {\$1,828,228}, Salvage Sale Funds {\$1,224,813}, and Timber Sale Pipeline Restoration Funds {\$974,670} Note – Pipeline restoration funds are used only for silvicultural prescription development, environmental analysis and documentation, and timber sale preparation).



The U.S. Forest Service, a survivor of a century of juggling sometimes conflicting missions, faces new demographic challenges into the next century. America of the 21st century is graying and more diverse. We are striving to reach beyond the traditional visitors to serve a more diverse population with varying needs. One of the greater challenges is to connect young people to the land. **“Providing the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run,”** was the guiding goal of Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the Forest Service. The ANF provides sustainable forest management to ensure that our public lands are available for all who wish to use and enjoy them. These natural resources serve many different purposes,

and are important to the people who depend on them. Our goal is to balance human impact with nature’s capacity to grow and regenerate.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said, **“The public is counting on the Forest Service to provide wildlife habitat, clean air and water, natural beauty and the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, along with opportunities to harvest timber and graze livestock. Given the scale of what we face, the main focus has to be on ecological restoration and outdoor recreation. To deliver all those goods and services and values we have got to manage the land for longer-term ecosystem health.”**

Visit the ANF and discover the rich varied natural resources it provides.

- critical natural resources such as oil, gas, minerals, clean water and wood;
- recreation opportunities such as camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, skiing, boating, scenic driving and wildlife viewing;
- information and facilities to enhance visitor’s experiences;
- opportunities for employment;
- wilderness and solitude, and
- a connection to our past through access to historic sites and their cultural significance.

FOREST RECEIPTS AND SECURE RURAL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITIES SELF DETERMINATION ACT –

Total receipts for timber, special use permits, common variety minerals and recreation were \$25,844,778.06, of which 99% was timber sale receipts. In 2005, all four counties elected to receive Title I & III of the Secure Rural School and Communities Self Determination Act of 2000, which totaled \$6,427,344.22;

each county received the following:

Warren County \$1,838,571.69

McKean County \$1,696,788.89

Forest County \$1,490,432.80

Elk County \$1,401,550.84



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RECREATION:

(\$953,813)

– includes recreation, heritage and wilderness

Heritage:

We value our past, and work hard to ensure that future generations will experience the forest's cultural heritage. In 2005, we worked in partnership with Clarion University of Pennsylvania on the Indian Valley site and Phase II of the Corydon Cemetery Project. We removed and replaced woody vegetation with soft vegetation at Irvine Flats, as part of

site protection measures undertaken at Buckaloons, and continued our work with Mercyhurst College on the report illustrating the results and findings of the field schools conducted over the past four years. We continue to work closely with, and seek input from, the Seneca Nation of Indians regarding the Allegheny Reservoir survey and monitoring.

Wilderness:

The Allegheny National Forest has two Wilderness; Hickory Creek Wilderness (8,663 acres) and Allegheny Islands Wilderness (368 acres over 7 islands.) Student Conservation Association student, Laura Hartmann from Lockhaven University in Pennsylvania assisted with Hickory

Creek Wilderness patrol; campsite clean-up and monitoring; and educating groups and individuals in environmental ethics and Leave No Trace. Additionally, we resurveyed campsites in the Allegheny Islands Wilderness to determine human-caused impacts. A total of 18 campsites were monitored. Friends of Allegheny (FAW) sponsored 4 volunteer work weekends in Hickory Creek Wilderness on projects which involved light trail maintenance and hauling downed limbs to block an old woods road to prevent ATV use. Jay Walter, a Bradford Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 402, created a routed wooden

interpretive sign for the parking area where the Middle Fork of Hickory Creek leaves Hickory Creek Wilderness Area. Troop 402 helped install the sign, which informs visitors of the special nature of Wilderness and reminds them to minimize their impacts. Several Leave No Trace programs were presented.

Jay Walter, a Bradford Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 402 and the sign, which informs visitors of the special nature of Wilderness.





Rehabilitated waterfront site at Red Bridge Recreation Area slated to open May 2006.

Kiasutha Recreation Area rehabilitation begins in the fall of 2006.



Accessible fishing trail at Kinzua Wolf Run Marina will be open for fishing season spring 2006.



Recreation and Facility Construction and Maintenance: **(\$2,937,510)**

The finishing touches were completed on the Buckaloons Campground reconstruction in 2005. This included construction of a new pavilion and interpretive trails and site plantings.

Reconstruction of Red Bridge Recreation Area continued in 2005. This rehabilitation included construction of two new shower/flush toilet buildings, construction of four vault toilets, expansion of the parking lot at the bank fishing area, construction of ten new tent campsites and parking area, construction of a new maintenance garage and installation of 30 amp electrical service to 25 campsites. Red Bridge Recreation Area is scheduled to reopen to the public for the 2006 camping season.

Redesign of the Kiasutha Recreation Area began in 2005. This rehabilitation project will include construction of three new shower/toilet buildings, reconstruction of all camping areas, installation of electric to 64 campsites, construction of 25 new campsites, repaving of existing roads and reconstruction of the boat launch, picnic area, beach and bathhouse. The reconstruction will take place over a three-year period starting in the fall of 2006. Camping loops not being reconstructed will remain open for campers during the camping season.

Kinzua Wolf Run Marina had a 43,000 square foot parking area rehabilitated and paved. In addition, a contract was awarded for construction of a 900-foot accessible fishing trail with two piers. A contract was awarded for the design,



Contractors work on paving the access road to Kinzua Wolf Run Marina.

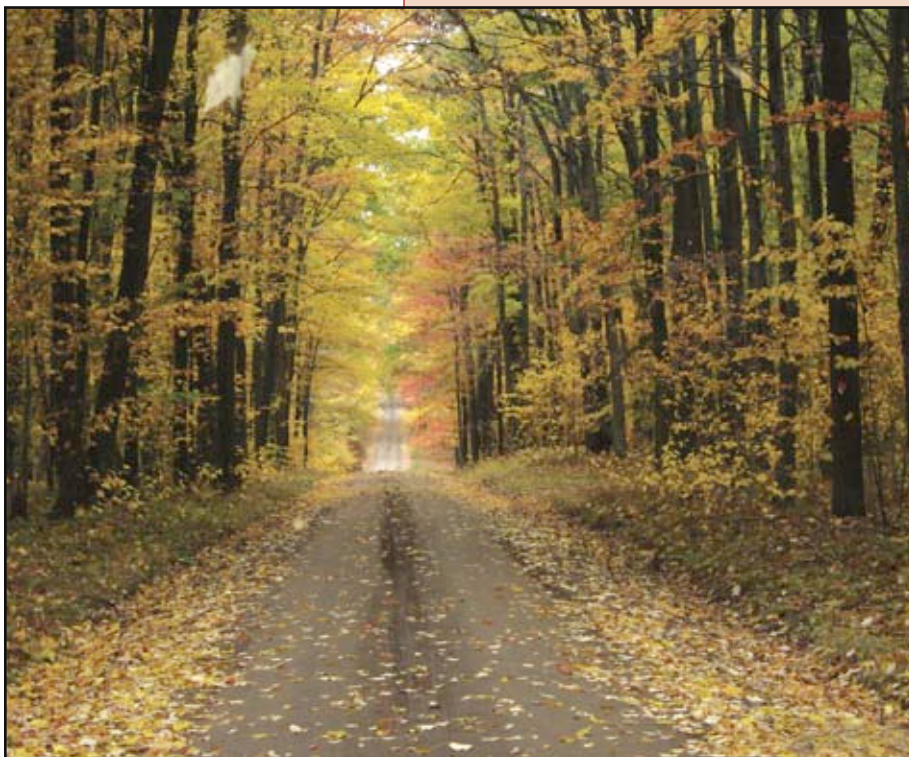
fabrication and installation of a new dock system with approximately 200 slips; 25% of them supplied with water and electric. This project will upgrade the water and electrical systems to the entire Marina facility to handle the additional demand. Both projects are scheduled to be completed in time for the 2006 boating season.

Administrative site work: Engineering personnel assisted the Northeastern Forestry Sciences Lab by inspecting the construction of accessible restrooms at the Kane Experimental Forest facility. The new Marienville Office and Administrative Site project was completed in 2005. This 12,000 square foot office building and warehouse provides office and work space for the combined Ridgway and Marienville offices. Design work is nearly complete on the Bradford Ranger District Administrative site in Marshburg, which will include four warehouses, an 18,000 square foot office building, parking lot and landscaping.

MAINTAINING OUR ROADS AND TRAILS:

Roads:

(\$1,294,230)



The 561 miles of road maintained for passenger car traffic provide access for scenic drives, hunting and dispersed recreation.

Real Estate Acquisition:

(\$22,924)

The ANF acquired an option for 91 acres of land near Dunham Siding. Negotiations are continuing for acquisition of an island in the Allegheny River and 2 additional parcels totaling 695 acres.

Trails:

(\$406,416)

Motorized Trails: Big news for the 2005 All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) summer riding season was the addition of two connector ATV trails to the Timber Campground (Russell City) and Forest Lodge (Pigeon). Now, ATV/OHM riders have direct legal trail access to the Timberline and Marienville ATV trail systems from these private businesses. Services such as camping/lodging, food, showers, parking, and gasoline can now be legally accessed from the trail system. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Willow Creek ATV Trail Expansion Project is near completion. A Record Of Decision is expected early summer 2006.

Pedestrian Trails: This year's AmeriCorps National Civilian Conservation Corps crew concentrated efforts on erosion projects including: a rock staircase to the Minister Overlook, start-up

In 2005, we administered 1,276 miles of roads and 26 bridges on the Allegheny National Forest. We maintained 561 miles of road for passenger car traffic. The remaining roads were also maintained, but to a lower standard than required for passenger car travel. We completed roadside brushing on 70 miles of road; administered road use permits; directed decommissioning on 1.2 miles of road no longer needed; directed an emergency culvert replacement on Forest Road (FR) 133; inspected 14 trail bridges and 26 road bridges; organized and directed condition assessments of 101 miles of road; performed gate maintenance on 22 gates; and replaced FR 152 culvert at Coon Run. Engineers developed road packages for 19 timber sales which included 7.2 miles of construction and 103.6 miles of reconstruction.

work on two additional staircase projects, and benching several hundred yards of side-hill trail on Minister Trail, and the restoration of a section of the Morrison Trail using rock and gravel causeways. AmeriCorps sawyer crews also cleared blowdown within the Tracy Ridge National Recreation Trail System. The North Country Trail Association - ANF Chapter contributed 2,001.5 hours of volunteer hours maintaining the North Country National Scenic Trail and co-sponsored National Trails Day 2005, constructing a quarter-mile of benched trail along Sugar Run. The Allegheny Outdoor Club also maintained the Tanbark Trail and Heart's Content ski trails, contributing 274 volunteer hours to this effort. Eleven miles of trail in the Hickory Creek Wilderness were maintained. Partnerships with local trail groups and volunteers made National Trails Day a huge success.

Minerals and Geology: (\$551,802)

The Allegheny National Forest is rich in resources and has an actively managed minerals and geology program. Of the 513,325 acres that comprise the Allegheny National Forest, 93% of the oil, gas and mineral rights are privately owned by individuals and corporations. In fiscal year 2005, 688 new wells were drilled, 102 operation plans were processed and 1,638 oil, gas and mineral operations were administered to standard. Fifteen wells were plugged by operators.



Recreation Fee Demonstration Program:

In 1996, Congress authorized the Fee Demonstration program (fee demo) through Public Law 104-134 (as amended: 16 United States Code 4601-6a), for the Forest Service, Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Wildlife Service. The intent of the program was to test the application of recreation fees that are reinvested in recreation areas on federal lands and used to maintain and improve natural resources, recreation facilities, and services where they are collected. The Allegheny National Forest has implemented recreation fees at the following recreation areas: Beaver Meadows, Buckaloons, Hearts Content, Loleta, and Minister Creek; the boat access campgrounds of Handsome Lake, Hooks Brook, Hopewell, Morrison, and Pine Grove; and the boat launches at Roper Hollow and Webb's Ferry. Of the fees collected at these sites, 85% of the collections go directly to that site for maintenance and improvements.

This Recreation Fee Demonstration program was scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2005. Both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior have testified before Congress in strong support of a long-term, multi-agency recreation fee program. Recreation fees provide crucial resources that allow the federal agencies involved in the program to respond to increased

demand on federal lands. The goal is to provide visitors with a quality recreation experience through enhanced facilities and services. President Bush signed the 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (PL 108-447), which includes the 10-year Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) on December 8, 2004. The Act permits federal land management agencies to continue charging modest fees at campgrounds, rental cabins, high-impact recreation areas, and at day-use sites that have certain facilities. It also provides for a nationally consistent interagency program, more on-the-ground improvements at recreation sites across the nation, enhanced visitor services, a new national pass for use across interagency federal recreation sites and services, and more public involvement in the program.

The Allegheny National Forest had approximately \$57,000 available for use at the recreation areas, boat access campgrounds, and boat launches in FY 2005. Many of these areas have had major rehabilitation done in recent years so no large-scale projects were programmed in for this year. Instead, the Forest opted for an increased presence in the recreation areas for general maintenance, public information contacts, and law enforcement. Seasonal workers were hired to remove hazard trees and pump out toilet vaults in the campgrounds, to provide light maintenance and mowing, and to collect and properly account for fees. The general feeling, verified by collection receipts, is that use increased at virtually all these areas this year compared to last year. A concession package was assembled and advertised for the recreation areas and boat access campgrounds under this program, and these areas may be run by a concessionaire in fiscal year 2006.

AmeriCorps at work on Morrison Trail.



The ANF hosted viewings of the 2-hour documentary on the history of the Forest Service, "The Greatest Good," in Elk, Forest, McKean and Warren Counties.



Twenty eight ANF employees and retirees gathered at the Sheffield Rod & Gun Club to celebrate 100 years of conservation.

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)/Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM)

(\$210,750)

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV)/Off Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (former Fee Demo program): Sales of annual and daily permits continued in 2005. Fees collected were used to support and improve visitor information (maps, brochures, website), and monitor compliance/conditions on the ATV/ OHM trail system throughout the 2005 winter and summer season. The Allegheny National Forest was able to hire a full time OHV Technician dedicated in providing better customer service for ATV riders on weekends and holidays. Fees were also used for annual heavy and light maintenance contracts, improvements at trailheads, and additional connector trails to services.

Improvements to the trail system were made on the Marienville Trailbike system, Marienville ATV Trail and Rocky Gap ATV Trail. Some of the trail improvements included tread hardening using commercial stone, installation of culvert pipes, signing, limestone rip rap placed near streams and seeding and mulching. Improvements to the trail were also made at three trail crossings on the Marienville Trailbike Trail. Asphalt surfacing was applied where the trail intersected State Highways. This technique allows for a safe transition onto the highway and eliminates rock and sediment debris on the roadway. Administration and inspection of State funded contracts for snowmobile grooming (366 miles) and ATV Trail heavy and light maintenance (108 miles) continued in 2005. Significant improvements were made to the snowmobile trail near Kelly Pines on Route # 15.

ANF Honor Day



ANF partners, volunteers, employees and retirees gathered at Camp Birdsall Edey to celebrate National Honor Day, May

3, 2005. National Honor Day gathering included presentation of certificates of recognition for partners and volunteers.

Partners and Volunteers In FY 2005

Thanks to our Partners in 2005: The volunteer and partnership programs offer individuals and sponsored groups/organizations from all walks of life the opportunity to contribute their talents and services to assist in managing the Nation's natural resources. The volunteers may assist in all Forest Service programs or activities except law enforcement. Volunteers incidental expenses, such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, and subsistence, are sometimes provided by the Forest Service.

Much of the work accomplished each year is completed through our very active volunteer and partnership program. This is our opportunity to recognize the many volunteers and partners that have helped complete a variety of projects on the Allegheny. During fiscal year 2005, the Allegheny had 374 volunteers who contributed 8.83 person year's of effort, mostly for our recreation, heritage, and wildlife programs. The appraised value of work is estimated at \$286,173. Our volunteers come from a variety of the population, 29.41% were under 18, 46.26% are 18-54, and 26% are female.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new partners and volunteers to the Allegheny National Forest. If you, a friend, or your club are interested in volunteering on the Allegheny, please contact the Supervisor's Office (814) 723-5150.



Robert Wetherell, Recreation Program Manager, provides sawyer safety and operation training to partners and volunteers.

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
4-H Junior Outdoorsmen	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Abplanalp, Rob	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Adams-Weyant, Brenda	Wildlife surveys
Agens, Brian	X-C Ski Trail maintenance; Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Agens, Davie	X-C Ski Trail maintenance; Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Agens, Matthew	X-C Ski Trail maintenance; Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Allegheny Outdoor Club	Cross Country Ski/snowshoe trail maintenance; Trail maintenance, Tanbark Trail

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Allegheny Trail Riders	OHV Trail Maintenance
American Red Cross	Training to Community
AmeriCorps-National Civilian Conservation Corps.	Trail Construction/maintenance
Anderson, Greg	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline – clean
Anderson, Jessica	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Anderson, Marty	OHV Trail Maintenance
ATV Traction	OHV Trail Maintenance
Atwood, Chad	Timber Sale preparation
Atwood, Edwin	Trail Maintenance

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Atwood, Karen	Trail Maintenance
Atwood, Walt	Trail Maintenance; photography National Honor Day, Sawyer training
Barr, William	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Bednar, Rick	OHV Trail Maintenance
Bednar, Tom	OHV Trail Maintenance
Bednar, Mark	OHV Trail Maintenance
Berlin, Timothy	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Bezon, Jennifer	Fisheries – walleye fry stocking in Allegheny Reservoir
Blanks, John	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Blaufass, Ruben	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Bloom, Guy	Heritage resources
Bohn, Ellen	Heritage Resources Program Assistance
Boot Jack Snow Gliders	Adopt-a-Trail: Laurel Mill Cross Country Ski Trail maintenance, Hiking trail maintenance, guided hike.
Bosworth, Brian	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Boy Scout Troop 40 – Girard, OH	Campground maintenance at Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campgrounds
Boy Scout Troop 402 – Gifford, PA	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Boyer, Bob	Wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement – apple tree prune and release; construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir
Bradford Township Supervisors	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
Brewer, David	Trail Maintenance
Briggs, Lonnie	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Brokenstraw Valley Area Authority	Heritage resource Mitigation
Brubaker, Jim	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Burke, Anthony James	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR119
Burke, Rick	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Burkhart, Eric	American Ginseng survey
Byers, Jeff	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Byers, Krista	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Cabisca, Dustin	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Caldwell, Merle	Wildlife habitat improvement – apple tree prune and release; construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir; trail maintenance
Carlson, Sharon	Business Management support
Carnegie Museum of Natural History	Dragonfly Surveys and Species Viability Analysis
Caswell, Shannon	Job shadow – trail maintenance
Cattaraugus County Sheriff	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
Chamberlain, Ron Jr.	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Heritage Resources, Ecological Land Typing
Clark, Tom	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Cornelius, Gene	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Cornell Abraxas Marienville, PA	Heritage resources
Craig, George	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Cristey, Taylor	OHV Trail Maintenance
Criswell, Jeremy	Warren County School District - Educator in the Workplace
Cummings, Heather	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Department of the Army	VHF repeater & service building installation
Dew, Joshua	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Dorn, Don (retired FS)	Trail Maintenance
Dunkerton, Lisa	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Dunkerton, Michael	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Dyne, Wally	Wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement – apple tree prune and release; construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir
Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association	Highland CCC Sign
Faucher, Alex	Job shadow – trail maintenance
Faustel, Melissa	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Federal Corrections Institution –McKean, Federal Bureau Of Prisons	Prison Crew – trail maintenance
Finelli, Marshall	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Forest County Sheriff	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
Foster Township Police	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
Forest County Snowmobile Club	Snowmobile Trail Maintenance
Forest Health Protection	Forest Health monitoring
Forest Research, Morgantown, WV	Disturbance ecology and management of oak dominated forests
Forest Research, Parsons, WV	Sustainable forest ecosystems
Forest Research, Delaware, OH	Multiple stress interactions and their effects on forest health
Forest Research, Irvine, PA	Guideline indicators of sustaining forest ecosystems of PA.
Franklin, Louis	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Frantz, Gloria	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Fredenburg, Betty	Campground maintenance for the Marienville Ranger District
Fredenburg, Harland	Campground maintenance for the Marienville Ranger District
Friends of Allegheny Wilderness	Trail maintenance
Frombach, Kyle	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Frostburg University	River Otter and Fisher monitoring
Gage, Jon	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Gardner, John	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Garges, Brian	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Gatelaro, Ritchie	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Girl Scouts of America, Penn Lakes Council	National Honor Day Program

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Goebel, Mark (retired FS)	Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association Board member volunteer
Graves, Anthony	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Graves, David	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Grisez, Sylvia	Watershed restoration – National Public Lands Day
Grosch, Ed	OHV Trail Maintenance
Groscher, Adam	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Groscher, Blaine	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Groscher, Jody	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Groscher, Len	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Groves, Ryan	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Gutshall, Shad	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Haas, Rick	Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Haines, Pat	X-C Ski Trail maintenance
Halstead, Craig	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Halstead, Kevin	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Halto, Bruce	Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Haner, Tyler	Job shadow – wildlife habitat improvement
Hanson, Walter Sr.	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline cleanup
Hartle, Dennis	Trail Maintenance
Hartle, Marg	Trail Maintenance
Hartman, Laura	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Haynes, Gary	ATV Trail Host
Hiemenz, Rick	Watershed restoration – National Public Lands Day
Hillyard, Alan	Trail maintenance, native species re-establishment
Hinz, Diane	Timber sale preparation
Hoffman, Alicia	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Hoots, Elizabeth	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Hovey, Jim	OHV Trail Maintenance
Hovey, Nick	OHV Trail Maintenance
Hovey, Rhonda	OHV Trail Maintenance
Huling, Brad	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Hvozda, John	Campsite Condition Surveys and maintenance
Jackson, Jim	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Johnson, Brian	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Johnson, John L.	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Johnson, Kirk	Trail maintenance
Johnson, Leslie	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Johnson, Scott	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Joy, Brad	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Kane Area School District	Fish Habitat Improvement
Kane Veterans of Foreign War	Rehabilitate Cemetary at Red Bridge
King, Eric	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Kinzua Fish and Wildlife Association	Wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement – apple tree prune and release; construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir
Kittner, Virgil	Trail Maintenance
Kleissler, Jim	Trail Maintenance
Klor, Kevin	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Klos, Keith	Trail Maintenance
Koehler, Betty	Business Management Support
Koehler, Terry	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release; Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean-up
Langianese, Mike	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Langianese, Ryleigh	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Lanning, Megan	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Leonhart, John & Alice	Campground maintenance at Hearts Content Campground
Lewis, Lee	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Life Star Operations	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
Lipscomb, Dave	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Lipscomb, Eric	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Loomis, Tim	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Lorenzo, John	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Love, Dave	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Love, Rick	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Lucks, Noah	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Mackenzie, Matthew	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
MacLees, Ian	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Malcolm, John	Trail Maintenance
Maletto, Jim	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Marfink, Brad	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Marienville Trail Riders	OHV Trail Maintenance
Marienville Volunteer Fire Company	OHV Trail Maintenance
Mason, Matt	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Mason, Mike	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Massa, Bill	Trail Maintenance
Massa, Mary	Trail Maintenance
McKean County	Cooperative Frequency Use
McKean County Planning	Willow Creek ATV Trail Expansion
McKeirman, Colby	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
McKennas, John	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
McMahon, Harold	Trail Maintenance
Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute	Heritage resources
Meley, Kyle	Job shadow – road maintenance and construction
Miller, Keith	Trail Maintenance
Miller, Seth	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Morrison, Dave	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Muroski, Bryan	Campground and trail maintenance
National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni	Highland CCC Sign
National Wild Turkey Federation,	Habitat Improvement

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
National Wild Turkey Federation, Millcreek Chapter	Habitat Improvement
Nelson, Gene	Trail Maintenance
Nemcik, Bert	Trail Maintenance
Nemcik, Cheryl	Trail Maintenance
New York State Police	Cooperative Radio Frequency Use
Nichols, Karalee	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Northblum, Earl	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission	History of CCC on DVD
North Country Trail Association – ANF Chapter	Trail maintenance on the North Country National Scenic Trail
Northern Alleghenies Vacation Region	Marketing
Northwest PA Great Outdoors Vacation Bureau	Marketing
Northeast Forest Experiment Station	Forest Health Monitoring
Northwest Human	Campground maintenance
Norton, Marilla	Job shadow – wildlife habitat improvement
Ouellette, Ronald	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Oyler, Amber	Data entry in Fauna Database
Packard, Jordan	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
PA DCNR ATV/Snowmobile Unit	ATV/Snowmobile trail maintenance
PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry	Cooperative Fire Protection, cooperative radio frequency use
PA Environmental Council	Allegheny Wild & Scenic River Administration
PA Fish & Boat Commission	Allegheny River Water Trail Brochure, cooperative radio frequency use
PA Game Commission	Wildlife habitat maintenance/improvement, cooperative radio frequency use
PA State Police	Cooperative Radio Frequency use, Access to National Crime Information
Parker, Tom	X-C Ski Trail maintenance
Parker, Tom	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Pence, Calla	Fisheries – construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir
Pence, Jeremy	Fisheries – construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir
Penn State University	Social Assessment, Ecological Land Typing, GIS, Visitor Use Monitoring
Pflugger, Thomas	Trail Maintenance
Phillips, Gary	Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project
Pilewski, Ryan	Trail maintenance; recreation condition surveys, campsite maintenance
Plumskey, Robert	Campground maintenance for the Marienville Ranger District
Prezzano, Dr. Susan	Heritage resources
Redding, Jim	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Reed, Edward & Alice	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Reider, John A.	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Reitz, Scott	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
Rhodes, Ronald	Campground maintenance for the Marienville Ranger District
Rhodes, Sarah	Campground maintenance for the Marienville Ranger District
Rich, Rian	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release; Trail maintenance – National Trails Day project; Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean-up
Roberts, Brian	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Rockwell, Greg	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Ross, Earl	Trail Maintenance
Rossmann, Jennifer	Trail maintenance, natural resource work
Rudolph, Isaiah	Fisheries – walleye fry stocking in Allegheny Reservoir
Rutigliano, Frank	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Sand County Foundation	Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative – wildlife habitat improvement
Scudier, Steven	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Seepe, John	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Seepe, Roberta	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Seneca Nation of Indians	Consultation
Sheffield Rod and Gun Club	Planting and Fencing Trees
Shelley, Joseph	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Shiderely, Heidi Anne	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Shiderely, Mary Anne	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Shiderely, Albert A.	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Shields, Talena	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Sims, Benjamin	AmeriCorps/NCCC – trail maintenance and noxious weed eradication
Spencer, Delbert	Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean
Stahman, Gretchen	Heritage resources
State University of New York (SUNY)	Fire plan/Oak Regeneration research
Stauffer, Blaine	X-C Ski Trail maintenance
Steffan, Susan	Wildlife surveys
Stephens, Casey	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Stephens, John	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Stewart, Ross	Heritage resources; trail maintenance
Stout, Jack	Recreation Consultant
Student Conservation Association	Student intern for Wilderness Environmental Education
Stump, Cliff	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Taylor, Julie	Wildlife habitat improvement, apple tree prune and release
Taylor, Leonard & Roberta	Campground maintenance at Hearts Content Campground
Three Rivers Competition Riders	OHV Trail maintenance
Timber Campground	Russell City Trail Connector
Turner Enterprises	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford	Trail maintenance work, Johnnycake Trail
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Environmental Camp	Trail maintenance, Leave No Trace

Partner or Volunteer Name	Work Project Description
US Army Corps of Engineers	Wave Attenuator Study at Wolf Run Marina, cooperative radio frequency use
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Project planning
USGS	Water sampling and monitoring
Veit, Adele	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Veit, Albert	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Vigarito, Carol	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Vigarito, Jordan	Campground Maintenance, Hopewell and Handsome Lake Campground
Waldman, Guy W.	Wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement – apple tree prune and release; construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir; Allegheny Reservoir shoreline clean-up
Walter, Jack	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Walter, Jay	Installation of Wilderness sign and clean-up along FR 119
Warren County Sheriff	Cooperative Radio Frequency use
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	Small whorled pagonia strategy and dragonfly surveys
Weinzierl, Travis	Wildlife surveys
Whitman, Kenneth	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Whitman, Patricia	Campground maintenance at Buckaloons Campground
Wolfe, Jim	Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Wolfe, Ronald	Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Wolfe, Virginia	Snowmobile Trail maintenance
Wortman, Randy	Cross Country Ski Trail Maintenance
Yohe, Larry	Wildlife habitat improvement, construction of brush piles
Yonkofski, Ben	Fisheries – construction/installation of structures in Allegheny Reservoir



New warehouse facility at Marienville Ranger District office location.

"You guys are doing a good job with the deer herd. Don't listen to all those folks whining about not seeing any deer. There's deer out there, but you have to get out there and hunt. You can't expect to sit in a crow's nest and bang a deer anymore. You have to hunt or drive. The deer herd had to come down."



Mountain Laurel



New Marienville Ranger District Office located on SR66 east of Marienville.



Mountain Azalea



"...just wanted to give the folks in charge of Allegheny NF a well-deserved pat on the back. Last weekend, I backpacked the Morrison Hiking Trail with my dog. I had never been to your park (or even to your area of the country) before, so I didn't really know what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised. I've done a fair amount of backpacking, and I must say that the Morrison Trail is probably the most well-maintained and well-marked backcountry trail I've ever had the pleasure of hiking. Every time I hesitated on which direction to walk, I looked up, and there was a blaze right in plain sight. It makes the trip so much more pleasant when there's no getting lost, backtracking, etc. to worry about. You folks are doing an outstanding job of maintaining that beautiful area. Keep up the good work."



Congressman Peterson, County Commissioners, District staff, and contractors participate in the Marienville office dedication May 28th 2005.

First and Second Decade Forest Plan Implementation

		Decade 1 Plan	Decade 2 Plan	Sum Of Dec. 1 & 2 Plan Amt	FY 86-95 Accompl.	Balance Decade 2 Plan Amt.	2 FY 96-00 Accompl.							
Activity	Unit Of Measure	1 Plan Amt.	2 Plan Amt.	Dec. 1 & 2 Plan Amt	FY 86-95 Accompl.	Balance Decade 2 Plan Amt.	2 FY 96-00 Accompl.	Accomp. FY 2001	Accomp. FY 2002	Accomp. FY 2003	Accomp. FY 2004	Accomp. FY 2005	Accomp. To Date	Completed To Date
Developed Rec														
Semi-primitive/Motorized	MRVD ⁴	370	380	750	583.1	166.9	349.33	*	*	*	*	*	932.4	124.3%
Roaded Natural	MRVD	4,300	4,710	9,010	4,553.2	4,456.8	3700.2	*	*	*	*	*	8,253.4	91.6%
Rural	MRVD	4,190	4,320	8,510	4,966.9	3,543.1	3953.6	*	*	*	*	*	8,920.5	104.8%
Dispersed Rec														
Semi-primitive/Non-motorized	MRVD	300	420	720	335.8	384.2	179.7	*	*	*	*	*	515.5	71.6%
Semi-primitive/Motorized	MRVD	3,680	3,720	7,400	5,175.7	2,224.3	4425.1	*	*	*	*	*	9,600.8	129.7%
Roaded Natural	MRVD	4,990	5,250	10,240	8,194.1	2,045.9	5669.7	*	*	*	*	*	13,863.8	135.4%
Wilderness														
Semi-primitive/Non-motorized	MRVD	10	16	26	23	1	22.0	*	*	*	*	*	45.0	173.0%
Trail Construction														
Pedestrian	Miles	48	41	89	39.3	49.7	23.0	0.3	0	0	0	0	62.6	70.3%
Motorized – Winter	Miles	11	11	22	50.5	0	25.3	0.5	0	0	0	0	76.3	346.8%
Motorized – Summer	Miles	145	145	290	70	220	10.8	3.5	0	0.8	0	1.0	86.1	29.7%
Timber Management														
Hardwood Sawtimber	MMBF ⁵	383	460	843	350.1	492.9	69.3	7.9	11.8	7.4	14.4	17.8	478.7	56.8%
Hardwood Pulpwood	MMBF	562	480	1,042	333.1	708.9	48.4	4.8	9.2	4.0	7.6	12.8	419.9	40.3%
Hardwood Firewood	MMBF	0	0	0	17.1	0	4.7	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.8	28.1	N/A
Total Sell	MMBF	945	940	1,885	700.3	1,184.7	122.0	13.7	22.0	12.6	23.3	32.4	926.3	49.1%
Clearcuts ³	Acres	3,300	3,400	6,700	6,925	0	814.0	179	172	0	418	360	8,868	132.0%
Shelterwood Seed/Prep	Acres	29,700	30,600	60,300	12,930	47,370	3,132	416	1,232	174	203	1306	19,393	32.1%
Shelterwood Removal	Acres	29,700	30,600	60,300	12,971	47,329	4,164	412	592	712	946	935	20,732	34.4%
Thinning	Acres	94,000	78,000	172,000	40,653	131,347	4,698	627	1,434	76	2,370	2105	51,963	30.2%
Selection Cuts	Acres	6,000	0	6,000	5,573	427	633	0	0	0	0	17	6,223	103.7%
Timber Stand Improvement	Acres	8,000	6,000	14,000	855	13,145	0	0	0	0	0	0	855	6.1%
Herbicide ¹	Acres	20,000	18,000	38,000	11,240	26,760	5,366	122	754	375	587	497	18,941	49.8%
Fertilization	Acres	25,000	14,000	39,000	9,571	29,429	3,771	777	486	328	149	148	15,230	39.1%
Fencing ²	Acres	4,000	4,000	8,000	9,451	0	3,368	798	360	265	186	266	14,694	183.7%
Planting	Acres	2,000	2,000	4,000	1,096	2,904	1,226	153	97	0	0	0	2,572	64.3%
Site Prep	Acres	18,000	18,000	36,000	11,887	24,113	6,350	983	1,463	1,629	1533	1983	24,295	67.5%
Release	Acres	0	0	0	169	0	2,634	499	199	560	599	712	4,773	N/A
Roads														
Construction	Miles	239.0	134.0	373.0	158.1	214.9	6.8	0.4	1.1	0.0	0.5		166.9	44.7%
Reconstruction	Miles	97.0	55.0	152.0	116.9	35.1	4.8	1.4	4.8	2.1	1.3		131.3	86.4%
Temporary	Miles	17.0	17.0	34.0	12.7	21.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0		13.1	38.5%
Wildlife														
Hunting Use	MRVD	1,970	2,200	4,170	2,302.2	1,867.8	853.7	*	*	*	*	*	3,155.9	75.7
Fishing Use	MRVD	1,510	1,720	3,230	1,663.1	1,566.9	971.5	*	*	*	*	*	2,634.6	81.6%
Fish Habitat Improvement	Acres	N/A	N/A	1	149	0	193	34	39	70	36	35	556.0	N/A
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Acres	23,720	27,580	51,300	22,273	29,027	8,397	876	1,870	1,667	464	966	36,513	71.1%
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Structures	60	110	170	2,256	0	301	36	24	206	395	227	3,445	2,026.0%
Soil/Water/Air														
Water/Soil Improvement	Acres	N/A	N/A	0	7,765.5	0	218.7	101	39	39		54	8,217.2	N/A

1 Excludes respray areas (86 acres in 2004)

2 In FY 2004, an additional 254 acres of fences were rebuilt in storm damage areas

3 2004 includes Oil, Gas, Mineral, Rights of Way, and Wildlife openings

4 MRVD – 1,000 Recreation Visitor Days

5 MMBF – Million Board Feet

* Measurement of recreation use changed in 2001.

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(On the front cover) An interesting photo collection, taken from the same location over the years, of the first timber sale on the Allegheny National Forest on Little Arnot Run. We can witness reforestation as a young forest matures to old growth.

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